
Title of the UNESCO Chair or Network: UNESCO Chair in Philosophy and Human Rights (established in May 2009)

Institution/Country: Maltepe University, Istanbul, Turkey

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Function / Title: Chairholder

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Summary
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This UNESCO Chair in Philosophy and Human Rights was established in the Centre for Research and Application of Human Rights of Maltepe University (Istanbul) following an Agreement between UNESCO and Maltepe University, signed on May 13, 2009.

The work of the Centre and the Chair during the past year can be summarized under the following headings:

- M.A. Programme on Human Rights
- Human rights training for public officials
- Organization of conferences and other international meetings
- Publications
I. Address and Contact

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II. Available resources

*For each type of resource placed at the disposal of the Chair/Network, please specify its source (cf. Annex 1)*

1. Human resources

- Status of the Chair in the organizational structure of the Institution (number of posts contributing to the Chair) **7**

- Number of academic staff (full time and part time), full professors, researchers, lecturers **10**

- Number of visiting staff -

- If there are other staff or groups contributing to the Chair or Network, please indicate their number and status (postgraduate students, advisors, consultants, experts, NGOs, etc) – **4 postgraduate students, 1 consultant**

- Number of administrative staff **2**
2. Other resources

Financial contributions (indicate amount, source and purpose) In the year 2010 and until now, all activities of the Centre and the Chair were funded by the University.

Material resources (indicate their nature and use) All equipment and machines (4 computers, 1 fax and 1 printer etc.) are provided by the University.

Space placed at the disposal of the Chair or Network 4 offices, 1 meeting room and library

To facilitate easy handily of data, for each type of resources listed above, please provide the amount whenever available or an estimate sum in US Dollars or Euros

III. Activities

(Please, provide short information for each activity)

1. Academic activities

Education (leading to certification)

The Centre and the Chair

• Continued to conduct its M.A. Programmes. In the academic year 2010-2011, 44 students were admitted in the fall semester among the 97 applicants. The great majority of these students consists of public officials, including security personnel.

• The programme gave its first graduates in this academic year. Below you find the titles of their M.A. theses or of their “graduation projects”:


2. Ömer Sağlam: “Sosyal Devlet ve İnsan Hakları/Human Rights and the Social State” (M.A. thesis)


5. Taner Kandemir: “İnsan Hakları Işığında Çocuk Askerler/ Child Soldiers in the Light of Human Rights” (Graduation Project)

6. Özlem Pınar Haktanır Ağkoç: “Avrupa İnsan Hakları Sözleşmesi Açısından Türkiye’de bir Ceza Yargılaması Tedbiri olarak İletişimin
Tesbitin Sorunları/Problems in Recording Communication as a Precaution of the Criminal Procedure in Turkey, in the Light of the European Convention of Human Rights” (Graduation Project)


8. Piltan Zengin: “Reklamların İnsan Hakları Açısından Değerlendirilmesi/Advertisements in the Light of Human Rights” (Graduation Project)

9. İlkýur Bilgiç: “Reklamlar ve Çocuk Hakları/Advertisements and the Rights of the Child” (Graduation Project)

10. Ramazan Palaz: “İnsan Hakları ve Basın/The Press and Human Rights” (Graduation Project)


These graduates are prison personnel, police, judges, social workers and military personnel—a major general included.

**Training (short term)**

The Centre and the Chair

- Organized, in collaboration with three District Governors, a five week training course for public officials (teachers, policemen, lawyers, medical doctors, nurses and others). Certificate of attendance was given only to the regular participants.
  - In the course of the Bağcılar District, held from May 6 to June 3, 2010, the total number of regular participants was 22.
  - In the course of the Maltepe District, held from June 8 to July 6, 2010, the total number of regular participants was 21.
  - In the course of the Sultanbeyli District, held between 1-30 December, 2010, the total number of regular participants was 15.
  - A course for 100 members of the police of the Sultanbeyli District will be held in 3 groups. The course of the first group was held from May 23 to June 3, 2011.

**Research**

- Little progress was made in our UNESCO Chairs project on “Rethinking Education”, which was submitted to UNESCO for partial support. A questionnaire to be used in the project was developed by the UNESCO Chair of Quebec University. We are still waiting for UNESCO’s answer concerning this research project.
2. **Conferences/ Meetings**

The Centre and the Chair organized


- on June 18, 2010 two lectures on “Laïcite and Human Rights”. Speakers were Mr. Pierre Sané and Prof. Anat Biletzki.

- on December 7, 2010, a conference on “Social Justice Education and Domestic Violence”, delivered by Prof. Jane Aiken.

- on May 5-6, 2011, a conference on “Ethical and Human Rights Problems in Making and Applying the Law”.

3. **Interuniversity Exchanges/ Partnerships**

- The Centre and the Chair established a partnership with the Department of Philosophy of Mykolas Romeris University, as well as with the Bioethics Programme of the University of Crete.

- A research assistant of the Faculty of Law of Ankara University, spent a semester in the Centre.

4. **Publication and multimedia materials**

*Please estimate costs of publications and expected revenues from their sale*

**Publications**

- **Book 1**

  **Title:** Evrensel Bildirgenin 60. Yılında İnsan Hakları/Human Rights 60 Years after the Universal Declaration

  Author(S) Ioanna Kuçuradi (Ed.)

  Publisher(s) Maltepe University, Centre for Research and Application of Human Rights, UNESCO Chair in Philosophy and Human Rights

  Year 2011

  Language(s) Turkish, English, French

  Number of pages 243
Title: *Hukuk Felsefesini Yeniden Düşünmek: Hukuk Teorleri, İnsan Hakları ve Anayasalar/Rethinking the Philosophy of Law: Legal Theories, Constitutions and Human Rights*

Author(S) Ioanna Kuçuradi (Ed.)

Publisher(s) Maltepe University, Centre for Research and Application of Human Rights, UNESCO Chair in Philosophy and Human Rights

Year 2011

Language(s)  Turkish, English

Number of pages  167

- Periodical (periodicity)
- Others (*specify, please*)
- Teaching/learning material

Title:

Author(S)

Publisher(s)

Year

Language(s)

Number of pages

**Multimedia material**

Title: “*From Revolt to Philosophy: Ioanna Kuçuradi*”

Producer and/or distributor (*with address*): Producer: Şahin Karasar, Director: Oktay Yalın, Maltepe University

Year: 2010

Teaching/learning material

Type of material:
- Video DVD
- CD ROM
- Visio conference:
- Other type of material
  (*Please specify): ___________________

Duration: 60 minutes

Format:

Language(s): Turkish and English (Its full English version is under preparation)

Main keywords (4 or 5): Human rights, revolt, humanistic education, philosophy
5. Others

In addition to the activities mentioned above the Chairholder and other members of the Chair carried out the following activities related to the work of the Chair:

The Chairholder

- Delivered, on May 14, 2010, a lecture in the Antalya Metropolitan Municipality, which recently became member of the “Coalition of Cities Against Racism”,
- Gave a lecture, on June 4, 2010 in Bursa Nilüfer Municipality, which established a “Philosophy and Human Rights Education Unit”,
- Gave an inaugural speech in the international Seminar on “The Professional Ethics of Lawyers”, organized on June 28- July 1, 2010, by the Bars of Ankara and Aksaray, in collaboration with the Philosophical Society of Turkey.
- Participated in the annual meeting of the International Institute of Philosophy, held on September 10-18, 2010 in Paris.
- Participated in the International Ontology Congress, organized by San Sebastian and Barcelona Universities, on September 27-October 5, 2010 and gave a lectures on “The Education of Philosophy: Training in Humanization (San Sebastian, October 1st, Barcelona, Casa Asia, October 5).
- Was elected member of the International Commission Against Death Penalty, which started working in Madrid in October 7, 2010. Other members of this Committee are Federico Mayor (President), Guiliano Amato, Louise Arbour, Robert Badinter, Mohammed Bedjaoui, Michèle Duvivier, Pierre-Louis, Ruth Dreifuss, Asma Jilani Jahanghir, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Rodolfo Mattarollo, Bill Richardson.
- Participated in the Afro-Asian Philosophy Conference, held in Mumbai; on October 20-24, 2010 and delivered a paper on “The Right to Life and its Implications in the Beginning of the Twenty-first Century.
- Participated in the annual meeting of the Steering Committee of the International Federation of Philosophical Societies (FISP), held in Mexico City on November 9-12, 2010, and gave a talk on “The State, the States and Human Rights” at Anahuac University.
- Participated in the celebration of the World Philosophy Day, organized by the UNESCO Section of Philosophy in Paris, in November 18, 2010 and made an intervention on the concept of political correctness.
- Participated in the celebration of December 10, organized by the Governor of Istanbul, with a paper on ”The Right to Life”.
- Participated in a symposium on Plato and delivered a paper entitled “Reading Plato without the Glasses of the Middle-Ages”.
- Was elected member of newly established expert committees of the Turkish National Commission for UNESCO, on Human Rights and on Philosophy, and participated in the monthly meetings of these committees.
• Participated in the meetings of the International Commission against Death Penalty, held on February 2-4, 2011 and May 31-June 1, 2011 in Madrid.

• Participated in the UNESCO meeting on “Teaching Philosophy in Europe and North America, held on February 14-16, 2011, in Milan.

• Participated in the World Cultural Forum, held on May 18-19, 2011 in Taihu, China and read a paper on “Traps to Human Rights Inherited from the Twentieth Century”

• Acted as advisor of two Ph.D. theses and seven M.A. theses.

Prof. Betül Çotuksöken, member of the Chair,

- gave the following lectures related to human rights in Istanbul:
  - “Ethics and Human Rights, (Pir Sultan Abdal Cultural Association, 30 May 2010).
  - “On Human Rights” (Training course for the members of the Association to Support Modern Way of Life, 6 January 2011)
  - “Social Morals, Ethics and Human Rights” (Beşiktaş Atatürk Anadolu Lycée, 10 March 2011).

• Published İnsan Hakları ve Felsefe / Philosophy and Human Rights, (Papatya Yayıncılık Eğitim, 2010, ISBN978-605-4220-20-5)

• Acted as advisor of the TRT Radyo 1 “File Programme”, which is a weekly programme on issues related to human rights.

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Assist. Prof. Özge Yücel Dericiler, member of the Chair,

• Participated in the workshop on the “Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights, Social Responsibility and Health”, organised by the Bioethics Committee of the Turkish National Commission for UNESCO and held on 25-26 April 2011 in İstanbul, with a paper on “Social Responsibility and Health, Obligations of the State: a Legal Framework”.

• Participated in a workshop on “What can be done in legal education concerning domestic violence?”, organised by Ankara University, Faculty of Law, Domestic Justice Unit and held on the March 8, 2011.

Research Asistant Bergen Coşkun (M.A.), member of the Chair,
• participated in a symposium entitled “City: As a Place of Enlightenment and Culture”, organised by Maltepe University, with a paper on “Possibilities of Cultura Animi in the City”.

• The Centre and the Chair prepared a report on a problem related to migrant children (March 2011), requested by the Istanbul Governor’s Office.

• Members of the Centre continued to represent Maltepe University in three Human Rights District Councils: Prof. Betül Çotuksöken in the Council of Maltepe, Prof. Sevgi Iyi in the Council of Pendik and Dr. Nilay Şenol in the Council of Kartal.

• Members of the Centre were elected to the membership of Expert Committees of UNESCO National Comission of Turkey: Prof. Sevgi İyi to the Committee on Human Rights and Prof. Betül Çotuksöken to the Committee on Philosophy.

IV. Outcomes

• 11 graduates from the M.A. programme of the Centre and the Chair (3 female, 8 male). Three of them are prison personnel, four are military officers (one major general), one judge, two policeman, one social worker.

• Training of ~100 security officers in human rights.

• Contribution to shaping an objective public opinion on Gaza.

• Increase of awareness of the necessity of laïcité for the protection of human rights.

• Publication of the books of the two conferences organized by the Chair and the Centre.

• A documentary film on the chairholder.

V. Forthcoming activities

The Centre and the Chair, besides the ongoing work and activities, will

• carry out the UNESCO Chairs the international research project on “Rethinking Education”.

• organize a cartoon competition for prisoners on human rights.

• prepare a report on the problems of using children in advertisement.

• organize an international conference on “Humanism in the Twenyt-first Century”.

• organize a campaign against weapon-toys.
VI. Development prospects

The Centre and the Chair wish

- to start conducting a Ph.D. Programme in human rights, in the same spirit with its M.A. Programme.
- to start conducting an international M.A. Programme in Human Rights Education.
- to establish new partnerships and in the coming year with Yaoundé I University, Department of Philosophy. (Prof. Nkolo Foé)

Annexes

Annex 1

Sources of financial and material contributions

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Geographical Coverage

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